GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:241
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2001
SUBSIDY TO INDIAN FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the farmers in the developed countries are enjoying heavy subsidies which affects adversely the interest of Indian farmers who export the foodgrains;

(b) if so, the percentage of subsidy given to farmers in the European Union Japan, Canada, USA and Brazil; and

(c) how does it compare with the subsidy enjoyed by Indian farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

THE STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.241 DUE FOR REPLY ON 14.03.2001.

(a) to (c): It is a fact that agricultural subsidies being provided to farmers in the developed countries are adversely affecting agricultural exports from developing countries including India.

As per the notifications filed by member countries to the World Trade Organisation, the quantum of subsidies given by European Community, Japan, Canada, United States of America and Brazil to their farmers are detailed in thetables below. The Notifications do not reflect the quantum of subsidy in percentage terms.

Domestic Support

(in US $ million)

S.No.	Country	1995	1996	1997
1.	Canada	3020.1	2732.7	-
2.	EC	116537.7	114606.1	-
3.	Japan	69607.3	54912.8	47748.3
4.	Brazil	5537.1	3232.8	4045.7
5.	USA	60926.1	58875.9	58295.7

Export Subsidies (in US $ million)

S.No.	Country	1995	1996	1997	1998
1.	Canada	37.6	4.2	-	-

2. EC 6292.0 6683.8 4915.4 5843.1

3. Japan 0 0 0 0

4. Brazil 0 0 0 0

5. USA 25.6 121.5 112.2 146.7

` - ` No Notification received.

India had notified total domestic support of US$ 8406 million inclusive ofsupport extended to low income resource poor farmers besides negative product specific support for the year 1995.